Hiring of Despatch Vessel by CPT

3433. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Calcutta Port Trust has hired a despatch vessel named "ASIE TRINIDAD";

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether the vessel was used by CPT; and

(d) if so, the results achieved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The vessel "ASIE TRINIDAD" was hired for one year with effect from 15.1.1994.

(c) and (d). The vessel was used by the Calcutta Port for river conservancy work. Since the performance of the vessel was not satisfactory, the contract was terminated on expiry of one year period with effect from 15.1.1995.

Strike by Port and Dock Employees

3434. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the principle of no work-no pay is applied to port and dock workers and their wages are deducted when they go on strike;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the port and dock officers went on one day strike on January 30, 1996;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether their salaries have been deducted for that day applying the principle of 'no work no pay', if so, when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the case of strike/stoppage of work in contravention of the provisions of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, the employees are not paid wages for the period of their absence from duty.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The strike was almost complete in all the Major Ports and was called to press for the implementation of the recommendations of the Pay Revision Committee.

(e) and (f). All Major Port Trusts except Paradip and Cochin have deducted the salaries for one day from the salary bills of subsequent months. The Cochin and Paradip Port Trusts have been instructed to follow the same.

[Translation]

Funds for Cantonment Boards in Gujarat

3435. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided for the development works to various cantonment boards in Gujarat during the last three years till-date;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to solve the problem of water and electricity supply in these cantonment board areas; and

(c) the schemes of the Government to make these boards effective and people serving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) There is only one Cantonment in Gujarat namely Ahmedabad Cantonment. This is self sufficient. No grant from Ministry of Defence has been given to this Cantonment Board during the last 3 years. However, funds provided to the Board by way of service charges by the Central Government for the last 3 years are as follows :

1993-94	Rs.	50,00,000.00
1994-95	Rs.	88,61,477.00
1995-96	Rs.	3,98,62,363.00

(b) The Cantonment Board, Ahmedabad is having their own water supply scheme for notified civil area and for water supply in Bungalow area, they are taking water from MES under an agreement. The electricity is provided in Cantonment area by the State Electricity Board and not by the Cantonment Board. No problem in respect of water and electricity supply in Cantonment area has been reported to the Government.

(c) Cantonment Boards are body corporate with elected members representing the local civil population and are administered under the provisions of Cantonments Act, 1924.

[English]

Land to Rastraguru Surendra Nath College, Barrackpore

3436. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Principal of Rastraguru Surendra Nath College, Barrackpore have made several representation to the Government as well as with the concerned authorities to hand-over the defence land to the said college;

(b) whether several Members of Parliament have also approached the Government to hand-over the defence land to this college;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue necessary instructions to the Eastern Command, Calcutta to do the needful;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (e). Government sanction has been issued on 17.9.93 for lease of 3.19 acres of Defence land in Barrackpore Cantonment to Rashtraguru Surendranath College authorities, who are already in possession of the land, on payment of annual rent of Rs.1,32,017/- and a premium of Rs. 13,20,170/-. The College authorities, instead of making payment of the rent and premium, have made a number of representations for reducing the amount of rent and premium to a nominal amount. The rent and premium have been fixed on concessional terms as per the existing policy for lease of land to educational institutions.

Assistance to IIDS at Kuppam

3437. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a project for budgatary support for Indian Institute of Dravidian Studies at Kuppam during 1995-96;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have cleared the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). A request was received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for budgetary support for Indian Institute of Dravidian Studies at Kuppam during 1995-96. However, no decision could be taken on the request of Govt. of Andhra Pradesh as the concurrence of the four southern States to the setting up a participative venture jointly funded by them and the Government of India, has not been received.

Water Sports Complex in Kerala

3438. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Director of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Kerala to construct a full fledged water sports complex at Punnamuke in Alleppey;

(b) whether Government of Kerala handed-over land for the proposed complex;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India has approved the proposal for the construction of Hostel for the accommodation of the trainees in modern water sports like Canoeing, Kaya King and Rowing; and

(e) if so, will the Government take immediate step to accord fund sanction for this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e). Sports Authority of India has a Water Sports Training Centre at Alleppey which is run as a Special Area Games (SAG) Sports Complex. The 27th meeting of the Finance Commission of SAI approved the construction of a hostel at a maximum cost of Rs. 70.00 lakhs. However, the construction work could not be taken up due to the present financial crunch in the Sports Authority of India.

Performance in International Sports

3439. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Education and U.G.C. planning to earmark atleast 10% of the total educational grants to physical education;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether instructions have been sent to NCERT and National Book Trust of India to provide text books for physical education and sports as per prescribed syllabi in the subject of physical education, health education and sports; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the policy decision of making physical education and sports as an integral part of general education without providing text books in these subjects to school children can be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Demolition of Houses and Shops in Civilian Area

3440. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that on the order of Army officers of the Defence Department many houses and shops were illegally demolished in the civilion area of Cantonment Council in Agra without the consent of the officers of that place;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether any assessment of the loss has been worked out;